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Richard Moorhouse
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Dear Mr. Moorhouse:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
Fralick's Tavern, 6151 Lundy's Lane
Niagara Falls, Ontario**

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls intends to designate the above-noted land and building as property of historic and architectural value and interest under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990. The enclosed notice provides information on the significance of the property and the manner in which objection to the designation may be served. This public notice is being published in the local newspaper in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act on Saturday, March 20, 1999.


Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department.

Yours truly,


Alex Herlovitch
Deputy Director of Planning & Development

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Encl.

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R.O. Kallio, City Solicitor
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Tom Mussari, Operations Co-ordinator

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

FRALICK'S TAVERN

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls intends to designate the land and building at:

6151 Lundy's Lane

as a property of historic value and architectural interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

The property is located on the north side of Lundy's Lane, east of Drummond Road and is described as Lot 8, Registered Plan 32, according to Plan No. 653, in the City of Niagara Falls in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The site is part of the lands involved in the 1814 Battle of Lundy's Lane. The Battle was the bloodiest conflict on Canadian soil and an important event in National history. At the time of the Battle, the lands belonged to Thomas Millard, Sr. whose family was one of the first ten settlers in Stamford Township. The lands were subsequently divided through various transactions. Adam Fralick purchased approximately 20,000 square feet in 1836 for a tavern. In 1841, Fralick purchased the lot to the east and erected the third observation tower next to his tavern. The Tavern property was passed through the Fralick family. James Fralick sold the property in 1898 to James A. Lowell. There were six further transactions until the property was acquired by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] donated the land and building along with other properties to the City in 1996.

Architecturally, Fralick's Tavern follows the form of the Temple Facade in the Classical Revival style characteristic of the 1830's to 1850's. This would correspond with Fralick's acquisition of the property in 1836. The building is symmetrical in appearance with a one and a half-storey section flanked by one-storey wings. The wings project forward and created an open verandah (now enclosed). From the verandah are three points of entry perhaps reflecting its early operation as a public house and inn. The original six panel doors with heavy mouldings remain (although the upper portion of the main door has been replaced with a single glazed window unit). The door surrounds are composed of incised panel pilasters with heavy cornice. The original six over six window sash have been replaced. Shutter hinges are in place in some locations indicating shutters once adorned the house. Also in evidence are eave returns, one element of the Classical Revival style. Aluminum siding covers the original clapboard siding. On the interior, the east parlour retains its fireplace with pilastered mantelpiece, baseboards and trim and panels beneath the windows. A simple, yet early, bannister is intact on the second floor. Elsewhere, original trim details remain. Evidence of split lath plaster, an early construction technique, was found in some locations. The designation would dovetail with the Heritage Conservation Easement already held by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Notice of Objection to the designation of the above noted property may be served on the City Clerk within 30 days after the date of this notice.

For further information regarding the proposed designation, please contact Alex Herlovitch, Planning and Development Department at 356-7521, ext. 4231.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1999.

E. C. Wagg
City Clerk